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## STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD

### MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2004

**WHO:** State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB)

**DATE:** June 9, 2004

**WHERE:** 240 Beaver Street, Waltham, MA

**PRESENT** (alphabetically):

1. Mark Buffone, SRMCB, Chairman
2. Charlie Burnham, SRMCB, Member
3. Gary Gonyea, SRMCB, Member
4. Donna Mitchell, SRMCB, Projects Administrator
5. David Colburn, Berkshire County Mosquito Control Commission
6. Richard Day, Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Commission
7. Ken Ludlum, Plymouth County Mosquito Control Commission
8. Larry McCormick, MDAR, General Counsel
9. Richard Pollack, Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project
10. Linda Shea, Norfolk County Mosquito Control Commission
11. Bob Thorndike, Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project
12. Steve Ward, East Middlesex County Mosquito Control Project
13. Eva Zadyhowicz, Department of Conservation and Recreation

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Chairman Buffone called the meeting to order 9:40 AM and remarked that the aim of this meeting was to follow-up on the informal meeting held a week ago so that issues discussed could be officially voted upon as well as introduce General Counsel Larry McCormick of the Massachusetts's Department of Agricultural Resources. Counsel McCormick was present to address questions from the Board and Commission members. Also, Mark Buffone, as the newly appointed Chairman, wanted to acknowledge and recognize for the record Brad's contributions and efforts as former Chair of the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board. Mark Buffone stated that Brad's direct and indirect assistance to the mosquito control projects and districts over the past couple of years have been outstanding.

#### **Agenda Item #1: Minutes of February 5, 2004**

Gary Gonyea made a motion to approve the minutes of Feb 5, 2004 as written. Charlie Burnham seconded the motion. A discussion took place regarding agenda item # 2 of the minutes. Gary Gonyea stated that he still has not received copies of the responses from all mosquito control districts and projects mailed to the Audubon Society. Donna Mitchell remarked that she would pull together all the responses and send them to both Gary Gonyea and Charlie Burnham. In addition, she noted that responses had been received from the following projects:

Plymouth, Central, Northeast, East Middlesex, Cape Cod and Bristol

She stated that she would remind the projects that have not responded to do so as soon as possible.

#### **Agenda Item # 2: The Rapid Analyte Measurement Platform (RAMP) Testing**

Mark Buffone asked if there was a motion regarding the request from the Northeast Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District to approve a policy and procedure for RAMP testing issued by the District for the purposes of field-testing for West Nile Virus during 2004 mosquito season. Gary Gonyea made the following motion to accept RAMP testing by Northeast Mosquito District:

I hereby make a motion to approve Northeast Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District proposed RAMP testing of mosquito pools as outlined in "Policy and Procedure for RAMP Testing and Submission of Reactive Samples" submitted by Walter Montgomery & Esteban Cuebas with the following two modifications:

- 1) add "promote **residential** source reduction and good housekeeping practices" such as keeping gutters clean and emptying containers to the range of possible recommendations in Item 7; and
- 2) under item number 8 change "contact the SRB" to "contact the **Department of Public Health**."

Charlie Burnham seconded motion. With no discussion the motion passed unanimously

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Robert (Bob) Thorndike reported that the Plymouth Mosquito Control Project met with representatives from Audubon in Marshfield. He mentioned that Heidi Roddis was still inquiring about the status of the inland BMP. Gary Gonyea said his goal was to get the BMP out by the end of the summer, as he did not want duplicate versions being distributed throughout the state.

During this discussion, it was also noted that the GEIR also needs updating when the inland BMP becomes final. It was noted that MEPA is supposed to put it in writing.

#### **Agenda Item # 3: Guest Speaker – MDAR General Counsel Larry McCormick**

Mark Buffone introduced Larry McCormick, General Counsel for DAR.

Gary Gonyea asked Counsel McCormick about virtual attendance. Counsel McCormick said there was no legislation for it, but only in case of emergencies and would look into it. Counsel McCormick spoke briefly, and then Mark Buffone requested the official part of the SRBMCB meeting be adjourned to begin the Commissioner's meeting where Larry would address the Commissioners legal concerns and issues.

#### **Agenda Item #4: Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date was scheduled for October 6, 2004.

Commissioner re-appointments – Mark Buffone stated that letters were sent to Boards of Health of those cities and towns where Mosquito Control Commissioners were scheduled for reappointment and a deadline date to apply was targeted for June 30, 2004.

#### **Agenda Item # 5: 2005 Meeting Dates**

Mark Buffone proposed a pre-set schedule for future board meetings to minimize the need for multiple public meeting postings with Administration and Finance and the Secretary of State as well as help for member scheduling.

The second Wednesday of the following months for 2005 were suggested:

January  
March  
June  
October

Mark Buffone added that additional meetings could be scheduled when the need arises. All Board members were in agreement to these pre-set dates.

Gary Gonyea made a motion to adjourn the meeting 10:03am and seconded by Mark Buffone and the Commissioner portion of the meeting commenced.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Mitchell, Projects Administrator and Mark S. Buffone, Chairman